

## A RUSE THAT FAILED

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John and Gertrude Bingham were obliged to have live with them John's aunt, a disagreeable old woman, who was constantly making them miserable. There were two reasons why they should keep her in the house. One was that she had no other home, and the other was that she possessed about \$50,000 of property which John expected or at least hoped she would leave to him at her death. Besides, the old lady was constantly quarreling with the only home open to her and making new wills, leaving her money to some distant relative. There were a number of these wills outstanding, but John knew that he had the last one locked in his desk in his bedroom.

Not long after this will was made the old lady became an imbecile, and it became necessary to send her to a sanitarium. John now felt perfectly safe, for his aunt could not make another will that would be legal.

The old lady's departure was the beginning of a new era in the lives of John and Gertrude. Not a ripple ever came between them, and their home was peace and comfort. True, John's income was very small, but his aunt had never paid any board, always throwing out as a reason that at her death he would be amply reimbursed. But the cost of living was constantly increasing, and at the time of the old lady's departure his household expenses were double what they had been when the couple were first married.

Mrs. Bingham's mother became ill, and Gertrude was obliged to go to her. While she was away John slept in the house, taking his meals at restaurants. He would return from business late in the afternoon, get on as best he could till dinner time, then go out and dine alone at a cheap cafe.

At last Gertrude's presence at her mother's home was no longer necessary, and she concluded to give John a surprise by returning without notifying him. Her train arrived at such an hour as would take her to her own home about the time John reached it after business hours. She arrived before him. Going upstairs, she saw a figure flitting through the hall. Gertrude gave chase and cornered a woman in one of the bedrooms. She was altogether too well dressed for a common thief. Indeed, she was very comely, so the demon of suspicion entered Gertrude's breast.

"So this is the way my husband passes his time while I am away, is it?" she said to the woman, the blood mounting to her cheek, while at the same time a tear stood in her eye.

The woman made no reply at first. She seemed to be thinking. Presently she said:

"I presume you are John Bingham's wife. If you make any ado about my being here you will ruin him and me. You will also make my husband miserable and bring disgrace and unhappiness on my children. I beseech you let me go. John will tell you how we have been tempted."

"I will let you go after John comes home and I have had an opportunity to tell you both my opinion of you." "You shall not prevent my going."

The woman started to leave the room, but Gertrude stood in the only opening. How the matter would have resulted no one knows, for at that moment the front door was heard to open and close and some one was heard in the lower hall. In another moment John Bingham appeared in the upper hall. His wife turned upon him like a fury. The cornered woman simply stared at both the others without speaking.

"I never saw this person before," said John quietly, but firmly. "Madam," he added, addressing the stranger, "what did you come into my house for? You had some object in doing so, but I confess I puzzle me to guess what it is. You are too well dressed for a thief. Your pretending to come here to visit me is a subterfuge."

He studied her for a few moments, during which she stood mute, looking from him to his wife like one at bay. Whatever was her real object in entering the house, matters were going badly with her. John turned to Gertrude and said quickly:

"Aunt Caroline is dead. I received a notice to that effect at the office today. She died the day before yesterday. The letter was delayed by being sent to the wrong address."

Husband and wife looked at each other. An idea struck them at the same moment, or perhaps it was communicated from one to the other by telepathy.

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## HASNT LOOKED AT THE PAPERS.

Those in the Morse Case Not Yet Given a Glance.

Augusta, Ga., March 14.—Starting in the third day of his brief vacation with an early attack on Colonel Bogey, President Taft played the 18-hole golf course yesterday morning. He was followed to the links by Secretary Norton, who has guests three friends from Chicago.

Shortly Mr. Taft came in from the course, and it was said that he had not so much as glanced at the papers for the Morse case.

Reports reaching Augusta from New York that the president would yesterday sign a pardon for the convicted banker, now serving a term in the Atlanta federal penitentiary, are entirely erroneous.

Papers presented as a basis for the Morse pardon are extremely voluminous. The president has not yet examined these documents and he insists on sifting every detail of evidence in all pardon applications or appeals for sentence commutation.

There is little likelihood that any action will be taken on either the Morse or the Walsh cases until after Mr. Taft returns to Washington next week.

The papers were brought along to be examined if the president felt so disposed, but there was no specific purpose of taking action at this time.

The most favorable recommendation the friends of Morse have expected, according to reports they have received from various sources, is a commutation of sentence to five years' imprisonment.

## DOROTHY ARNOLD GIVEN UP.

Dean Ashley, Friend of the Family, Says No Trace of Her Has Been Found.

New York, March 14.—Dean Clarence D. Ashley of New York university, so close a friend of the family of Francis E. Arnold that he says he has acted as a counselor in the long search for Dorothy Arnold, gave out yesterday what he said was an authentic statement of the mysterious case. He demonstrated nothing new, but reiterated the statements which have been made by the Arnolds, "that the family has never heard a word from the girl and that they have no idea of her whereabouts." Dean Ashley continued: "I know this as positively as a person ever knows anything." He said that Mrs. Arnold had no idea that Dorothy contemplated leaving home, and that the mother's trip to Europe was made mainly for her health, and without any assurance that she would find her daughter. He said that the Arnolds had now given up the search, except that they are employing a detective or two, and caused a search of the Bronx woods last week.

## JILTED GIRL TAKES ACID.

Her Intended Disappeared on Night Set for Wedding.

Thomaston, Me., March 14.—A year ago, on the night set for her wedding, Miss Letha G. Feyer's fiancé disappeared. His failure to return resulted in the disbanding of her mind, and yesterday she committed suicide by drinking carbolic acid at her home here. She was 21 years old and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eben G. Feyer.

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## In Woman's Realm.

Before beginning to seed raisins cover them with hot water and let them stand fifteen minutes. The seeds can then be removed easily.

After washing a china silk dress, do not hang it up to dry, but roll it up in a cloth for half an hour to absorb most of the moisture, and then iron on the wrong side.

To identify—Write your name on the cloth side of adhesive or surgeon's plaster and stick on the inside of your umbrella, raincoat, and rubbers; then you will always find them.

A dessert served at one of the New York tea rooms is fresh gingerbread with whipped cream. It is good sponge gingerbread, warm from the oven, cut into the usual squares, with stiff whipped cream upon it, and the combination is delicious.

The very best fudge recipe—Two cups sugar, one cup to milk, one heaping tablespoon butter, melted in cup with one-fifth cake Baker's unsweetened chocolate, one pinch salt, one teaspoon vanilla, fifteen marshmallows. Bring sugar and milk to a boil. Add butter and chocolate melted. Stir and cook until it will form a soft ball in cold water. Remove from fire and add marshmallows and flavoring. Beat until stiff and creamy and put out on buttered platter.

Mocha filling for cake—Take one cup of confectioners' sugar, one-half cup of butter, well creamed and worked into sugar. Add one teaspoonful of vanilla, two of cold coffee, and three of cocoa. Spread thick.

When ink is spilled on the carpet do not try to wipe it up with a rag. You will surely spoil your carpet. Get some salt quickly as possible and pour right on the spot until you have thoroughly covered the ink. If the ink saturates the salt, keep putting more salt on until the salt stays white on top. Leave for twenty-four hours or until the salt is thoroughly dried. If you scrape off before salt is dried, it will do no good. Be sure it is dried, then sweep up salt in a dustpan. You cannot tell where the ink was spilled.

## TAFT CENSURED BY BOSTON CLUB

Because of His Activity in Furthering the Interests of the Canadian Reciprocity Agreement.

Boston, March 14.—Resolutions endorsing President Taft for his activity in promoting the reciprocity agreement with Canada were unanimously adopted by the executive committee of the Home Market club at a meeting yesterday. The resolutions are as follows:

Resolved, That the statement by President Taft in his Atlanta speech of March 10 that he instructed his commissioners to offer Canada full free trade, but that the Canadians declined the offer because there is a protective country, affords an additional reason why the agreement should not be ratified by our Congress. It explains the partiality of the agreement towards Canada and confesses to ignoring the fact that the United States is also a protective country.

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